

Stated Meeting, January 20, 1893.

Mr. RICHARD VAUX in the Chair.

Dr. Francis X. Dercum, a lately elected member, was presented to the Chair and took his seat.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

A circular from the Royal Academy of Sciences of Turin, Italy, announcing its offer of the Ninth Bressa Prize, to be given to the author or inventor who shall have made the most important and useful discovery, or published the most valuable work, on Science, Natural History, Chemistry, etc., etc., during the years 1891-94.

A letter from the New York State Library, Albany, asking the Society to exhibit a complete set of its publications at the Columbian Celebration, the same to become the property of the State Library when the celebration is over.

The following letter from the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, in relation to the Keating-Poinsett collection of Aztec handworks deposited by the American Philosophical Society, which, on motion, was referred to the Curators.

PHILADELPHIA, January 19, 1893.

MR. HENRY PHILLIPS, JR.,

Secretary of the American Philosophical Society :

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to inform you that your communication of the 16th ult., regarding the custody of the Keating-Poinsett collection of Aztec objects, having been referred for consideration to the Curators of the Academy, the following report was received by the Academy at the meeting of the 17th inst., and a copy was ordered to be sent to you in reply to your letter of inquiry :

“The Curators, to whom has been referred a communication from the American Philosophical Society, dated December 16, 1892, and addressed to the President and members of the Academy, in reference to the retention of the Poinsett Collection of Aztec handworks deposited in the Academy several years ago, respectfully report :

“Although all the specimens of the Poinsett Collection are artificial, and therefore not absolutely within the scope of the Academy’s chief purpose, which is the study of natural objects, it is considered desirable that

the Academy shall still retain said collection as a loan on the conditions stipulated at the time of its deposit.

“The American Philosophical Society may be assured that the Poinsett Collection, while in custody of the Academy, will be carefully preserved; and that as soon as the perfectly fireproof addition to the Academy's building now in course of construction, under contract to be completed next June, is finished, there will be ample room for a satisfactory display of it as well as of similar collections. As the Museum of the Academy is freely open to the public from eight to ten hours every day, except Sunday, throughout the year, it is confidently conjectured that the Poinsett Collection will be visited and studied here by a greater number of persons than it would be in any other place of exhibition in the city.

“It is neither necessary nor expedient that the Academy should propose any condition whatever in connection with the retention of the Poinsett Collection as a loan from the American Philosophical Society.”

The report is signed and submitted on behalf of the Curators by Dr. W. S. W. Ruschenberger, the Chairman of the Board.

I remain, yours very truly,

EDWARD J. NOLAN,

Recording Secretary, A. N. S., Philadelphia.

A letter from Dr. Elliott Coues, Washington, D. C., thanking the Society for its grant of extension of time in the Lewis and Clark MSS. loan; also, offering a paper for publication in the Proceedings, descriptive of the Lewis and Clark MSS.

Letters of envoy were received from the Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde, Leiden; Instituto Fisico Geografica Nacional de Costa Rica, San José; Mr. William John Potts, Camden, N. J.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (Queensland Branch), Brisbane (138); Linnæan Society of New South Wales (135-138), Royal Society of New South Wales (136, 137), Sydney; Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde, Leiden (137, 138); I. R. Accadèmia degli Agiati, Rovereto, Tyrol (138); K. K. Militär-Geographische Institut, Vienna, Austria (137, 138); Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Emden (138); Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein des Regierungs-Bezirks Frankfurt, a. O. (135); Geographische Gesellschaft (137), Naturhistorische Gesellschaft (138), Hanover, Prussia; Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein, Regensburg, Bavaria (137); R. Accademia di Scienze,

Lettrè ed Arti, Modena, Italy (138); Osservatorio Astronomico, Turin (138); Prof. Gaston Maspero, Paris (138); Zoölogical Society, London (137, 138, and Trans., xvii, 1, 2); Public Library of Boston (132-138); State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg (Trans., xvii, 1, 2); Denison Scientific Association, Granville, O. (138).

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Geographical Society, Tokyo, Japan; Société Finno-Ougrienne, Helsingfors, Finland; Mining Department of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia; Ministerie van Binnenlandsche Lachen, 'S Gravenhage, Z. Holland; Société R. de Géographie D'Anvers, Bruxelles; Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein des Reg.-Bez. Frankfurt a. O., Prussia; Société Vaudoise Sciences Naturelles, Lausanne, Switzerland; Editor of "La Revue des Revues," Prof. E. Levasseur, Paris, France; R. Academia de Ciencias y Artes, Barcelona, Spain; Philological Society, Society of Arts, Royal Meteorological Society, Editor of the "Geological Magazine," London, England; Geological Society, Manchester, England; American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston, Mass.; Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge, Mass.; Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; New York State Library, Albany; Dr. Joel Asaph Allen, New York, N. Y.; Academy of Science, Mr. George F. Becker, Rochester, N. Y.; Franklin Institute, College of Pharmacy, Mr. Henry Carey Baird, Philadelphia, Pa.; Prof. J. T. Rothrock, West Chester, Pa.; Maryland Academy of Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.; Anthropological Society, Bureau of the Mint, Bureau of Statistics, Washington, D. C.; Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Denison University, Editors of the "Journal of Neurology," Granville, O.; State Board of Health, Nashville, Tenn.; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Hanover, N. H., New Haven, Conn., Experiment, Ga., Baton Rouge, La., Bryan, Tex.; Agricultural College, Mich.; Madison, Wis.; St. Anthony Park, Minn.; Corvallis, Ore.; Fargo, N. Dak.; Observatorio de Rio de Janeiro.

The Committee on the Michaux Legacy presented the

following report and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the Society :

TO THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY :

The Michaux Committee respectfully reports :

That at a meeting of the Committee held on December 29, 1892, the following letter was received from Prof. J. T. Rothrock :

“ December 16, 1892.

“ TO THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY :

“ I most respectfully request that the American Philosophical Society will appropriate from the income of the Michaux Fund the sum of three hundred dollars (if said fund will so admit), to aid in defraying the expenses of collecting facts and statistics bearing upon the relation of our forests to the Commonwealth, promising to furnish a report to the Society by February, 1894.

“ Notwithstanding the general interest in the subject of Forestry, there is an utter absence of the data required for any proper presentation of the important questions involved.

“ It is thought that no use more immediately helpful and more in accord with the wishes of the testator could be made of the money.

“ Very respectfully,

“ J. T. ROTHROCK.”

The Committee, having carefully considered the subject, approves of the suggestion of Prof. Rothrock, and submits the following resolution, which it desires shall be passed by the Society :

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated out of the income of the Michaux Fund to Prof. J. T. Rothrock, to aid in defraying the expenses of collecting facts and statistics bearing upon the relation of our forests to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which when obtained he shall report in full in writing to the Society.

By order of the Committee,

J. SERGEANT PRICE,

Secretary.

The President was authorized to appoint the Standing Committees of the Society for the ensuing year, which he subsequently did as follows :

Finance.

William B. Rogers, Philip C. Garrett, Charles S. Wurts.

Hall.

J. Sergeant Price, William A. Ingham, Charles A. Oliver.

Publication.

Daniel G. Brinton, George H. Horn, Samuel Wagner,
Patterson Du Bois, Horace Jayne.

Library.

Edwin J. Houston, William John Potts, Jesse Y. Burk,
William H. Greene, William S. Baker.

Michaux Legacy.

Thomas Meehan, J. Sergeant Price, William M. Tilghman,
Isaac Burk, Angelo Heilprin.

Henry M. Phillips' Prize Essay Fund.

Richard Vaux, Henry Phillips, Jr., William V. McKean,
Furman Sheppard, Joseph C. Fraley,

and

The President and the Treasurer of the Society, *ex officio*.

Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., was unanimously reelected Librarian of the Society for the ensuing year.

Dr. Elliott Coues presented for the Proceedings, through the Secretaries, "A Description of the MSS. Journals and Field Notebooks of Lewis and Clark."

Pending nominations Nos. 1235, 1249, 1250, 1251, and new nominations Nos. 1252, 1253, 1254, were read.

And the Society was adjourned by the Presiding Member.

Stated Meeting, February 3, 1893.

Mr. VAUX in the Chair.

Dr. Macfarlane took his seat.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters of envoy were received from the Observatoire Physique Central, St. Petersburg, Russia; K. Akademie der Wis-